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TAGS: MARR, PINS, JA

SUBJECT: LEFT PREENS OVER BLOCKING USMC ARTILLERY

EXERCISE BUT PREPARES FOR LONG-RANGE STRUGGLE

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1. BOTH OKINAWAN NEWSPAPERS HEADLINED THE USMC DECISION TO CANCEL ARTILLERY FIRING EXERCISES OVER HIGHWAY 104 SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 19, THE TIMES ASCRIBING IT TO POLITICAL JUDGMENT AND THE SHIMPO SPECULATING THAT THE MARINES WERE CONCERNED ABOUT SAFETY. THEY DESCRIBED THE CANCELLATION AS A SIGNIFICANT BLOW TO THE USG AND GOJ AND THE MUTUAL SECURITY TREATY AND ALLEGED THAT THE ANTI-EXERCISE CANPAIGN HAD SHAKEN ALL NATIONS WHICH PROVIDE FACILITIES TO U.S. FORCES. VARIOUS GROUPS PARTICIPATING IN THE MARCH 11 DEMONSTRATION ALLEGEDLY RECEIVED A FLOOD OF CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAMS.

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2. THE TIMES REPORTED THAT THE PROTESTERS HAVE LEARNED THAT

THE POLICE PLAN TO BRING IN HELICOPTERS FROM KYUSHU DISTRICT POLICE HDQTRS FOR NEXT ATTEMPT. ON MARCH 17 THE SOCIALIST-SPONSORED ANTI-H BOMB ASSOCIATION (GENSUIKYO) FORMED A "USMC ARTILLERY FIRING COUNTERMEASURES STRUGGLE COUNCIL" WHICH WILL:

A. ATTEMPT TO PREVENT FUTURE EXERCISES BY INVADING THE IMPACT AREA,

B. DEMONSTRATE AGAINST THE DFAB AND PREFECTURAL POLICE HDQTRS AT NAHA,

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C. TRY TO STIR UP A NATION-WIDE, LONG-RANGE "STRUGGLE, AND

D. STUDY COUNTERMEASURES IN CASE THE SPECIAL CRIMINAL CODE IS APPLIED BY THE POLICE.

THE COUNCIL INCLUDES THE OKINAWA TEACHERS UNION, ZENGUNRO, KENROKYO, THE MASS MEDIA UNIONS, AND OTHER GROUPS WHICH PARTICIPATED IN THE MARCH 11 PROTEST AND WILL TRY TO WIN LOCAL SUPPORT IN KINSENBARU VILLAGE.

3. WORKERS AT THE KIN VILLAGE WATER FILTRATION PLANT THREATEN TO CUT OFF WATER TO CAMP HANSEN IF FENCES ALONG THE ROAD TO THE PLANT ARE NOT PUSHED BACK, BUT THIS WOULD ALSO CUT OFF WATER FROM KIN VILLAGE AND THE KIN POWER PLANT.

4. COMMENT: INSPIRED BY THEIR SUCCESS OF MARCH 11, THE LEFT APPEARS TO BE GEARING UP FOR A LONG PULL.

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